

<p style="text-align: center;">CONTRACT REVIEW COMMITTEE Meeting of January 27, 2016</p>
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Minutes of the meeting of: The meeting took place at 1:30 at 4 Fairgrounds Road, Nantucket, MA 02554.

Members Present: Dorothy Hertz, Stephen Maury, Bert Johnson, Augie Ramos
Mary Wawro (participated remotely)

Members absent: Joe Aguiar, John Belash

Staff Present: Ann Medina, Rachel Chretien, Brian Turbitt Town's Director of Municipal Finance

Members of the Public: none

I. Called to Order: meeting called to order at 1:30

II. Quorum: a quorum was established

III. Approval of Agenda: the agenda was unanimously approved

IV. Action and Discussion: Deliberations and action on FY17 recommendations

Quorum was established.

Meeting was called to order at 1:30

One change to the agenda, Dorothy sent an email to Family & Children's Services (F&C) informing them that CRC would be meeting today and that they could attend if they wanted. F&C does not want to come back.

To the CRC it appears that F&C's position internally is that everything seems to be moving along fine and they do not want the CRC's input. F&C is a private organization and they do not have to take the CRC's input, however they are asking for town (*public*) funds and they seem to be a failing institution.

In contrast to two years ago F&C has in place, functions to address management problems that they did not have in the past, they have a grant for fundraising, and a full time manager for the Seconds Shop.

F&C has asked for more money than they received in FY16 and they have cut services, offering less than they did 12 months ago, however they still offer services that are needed.

The CRC needs to know how many people are being served under the town's contract, it is important that we should be able to see what the town is paying for. F&C is charging \$150 for every client, \$150 is for psychiatrist, and not everyone sees a psychiatrist. F&C is billing out \$150 but getting reimbursed \$65, it is difficult to understand what is being billed for. Dorothy asked F&C to give some idea as to where insurance revenue is coming from, she did not get a response.

Maybe the best thing would be to fund F&C but make conditions that they are not wasteful, grant money is specifically tied to one function, and it cannot be used for something else. Before making a decision, points to consider, F&C has lost two contracts, one from the state and one from the town's schools; they are also providing fewer services. Why did they lose the contracts? Was it a lack of confidence? Did they not provide services well?

The CRC has empathy for all the work that F&C has done, they have reorganized and they do not want CRC's advice. The CRC feels there should be a third party audit with a full report beyond the financial aspect. What the CRC would recommend is that a portion of

the funding be used for a management audit, someone to come in and see what has been done and would say something like 'this is good, keep this; this, this and this, has to change'. F&C can give some thought to that.

The CRC had recommended F&C hire a business manager with part of the funds requested, they refused, F&C requested \$120,000 and CRC recommended \$100,000 with \$70,000 to go towards a business manager, but maybe the independent audit is the way to go. This shows that the CRC is not just cutting F&C funding completely, but trying to show them a more prudent way to proceed.

The CRC feels strongly about this and is concerned about this problem. The CRC felt that F&C's presentation made it seem that they were the only game in town and that if they did not receive full funding there would be catastrophe on the horizon. They are not the only one providing services, there are private practitioners who provide these services.

The CRC is in the process of making recommendations to the FinCom and the Board of Selectmen. The CRC will say to FinCom, we have looked at this request and this is our recommendation: X amount of dollars with a portion to go towards engaging a management firm to do an audit. An audit like this could take a while.

If the CRC denies funding altogether it may be called on town meeting floor.

Mary and Stephen are endorsing the sum of \$100,000 - \$50,000 for services and \$50,000 for audit; if the audit can be done for less, the remainder can go towards services.

Dorothy made a motion to recommend \$100,000 with \$50,000 for individual mental health and substance abuse therapy for the uninsured and the additional \$50,000 restricted towards a management audit and any remaining funds would go back into care.

A roll call vote was taken: Augie Ramos aye, Bert Johnson aye, John Belash aye, Stephen Maury aye, Dorothy Hertz aye, Mary Wawro aye.

Dorothy went on site visits to four agencies this week:

Family Planning/Health Imperatives: The position that the town has funded has become a model program. Health Imperatives is using this formula in opening a program in Brockton and Plymouth and getting a nurse practitioner through a grant. Family Planning will be moving into the new hospital, the WIC program will be going with them and they are also doing reduction training to use narcan.

MY Nantucket: the mentoring program right now is servicing over 300 students in breakfast buddies program. There are five volunteers working with middle school students and 100 high school students helping middle school students.

Martha's Vineyard Community Services: Kathi Hackett has been with MVY for 30 years and providing services to Nantucket for 27 years. Kathi received a grant for \$75,000 for Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard, \$37,500 for Nantucket, which will help with medical transportation. The funds will go through Peter MacKay's office. MVY also works with Autism Speaks Kim and Kathryn Horyn.

Nantucket Cottage Hospital Social Services Department: 80% of the clients seen were community based clients, not health care clients. 65% of clients are Hispanic, 10% Eastern European, over 50% they see are not citizens. Funds received from the town allows them to have two Spanish speaking staff members.

The recommendations for FY17 were approved by a roll call vote:

Augie Ramos aye, Bert Johnson aye, Dorothy Hertz aye, Stephen Maury aye, Mary Wawro aye.

Family & Children's Services: \$100,000

A Safe Place: \$50,000
Elder Services: \$16,000
Martha's Vineyard Community Services: \$12,000
Family Planning/Health Imperatives: \$24,960
IFC Rental Assistance Program: \$25,000
IFC Food Pantry: \$35,000
South Coastal Communities Legal Services: \$4,250
Nantucket Cottage Hospital: \$65,380
Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention: \$16,750
MY Nantucket: \$20,000

Total: \$369,340.

The CRC is on the FinCom agenda for Tuesday February 9th at 4:45.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:00.

Respectfully submitted by

Ann Medina